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SECT CALLED HENCE.

New Leader of the Lee County Colony Succeeds the Departed Teed.

Ft. Myers, Dec. 26.-Dr. Cyrus R. Teed, head of the Koresnan Unity died last Tuesday at Estero, the headquarters of this colony, which is in Lee

His death was kept a secret by his followers nearly all the week, in the hope it would be resurrected from the dead, as the doctor had often asserted would certainly be the case, and his absurd statement was generally credited by his devoted disciples.

The body was carefully watched all day yesterday, as it was believed the miracle of raising the dead would surely take place, and when night fell some of the bolder members of the colony expressed doubt, and as signs of decomposition are evident they insisted on burial, but Victoria Gratia, the new leader, has succeeded in keeping the body one more day (today).

New Head of Koreshans.

Following the death of her alleged husband, Koresh, Victoria Gratia, whose name, in real life, is Victoria Martin, became the head of the Koreshan Unity, and now leads the disciples of the belief that the world is round and that the inhabitants thereof live on the inner surface of the said ball, the sun, moon and solar systems, being located inside the said ball. It is said that the Koreshans also maintain the doctrine that the property they own is believed to be invested with supernatural value. Victoria Gratia was crowned on Thursday with unusual ceremonial and three hundred of the faithful still subscribe to the doctrines of the sect.

Form of Government.

The government of the Koreshan Unity involves a somewhat intricate system. There are three main departments, namely, the Assembly Triumphant, the Collegiate System and the Society Arch-Triumphant. As presiding centers of these three departments there are three chambers, namely, the Stellar Chamber, the Planetary Chamber and the Signet Chamber. The four primary officials of the Stellar Chamber are men, the six of the Planatary Chamber are women, and the twelve of the Signet Chamber are six men and six women. Each chamber has its distinctive sitting. The pre-eminent of the Unity is the presiding officer of the Pre-eminent Concilium, composed of the three chambers, with representatives from the faculty of the university, from the Department of Equitable Administration and from the Patrons of Equation. The Patrons of Equation are the people at large who in any capacity belong to the Koreshan system.

"No measure enacted by the body of the Pre-eminent Concilium shall become a law without the indersement of the Prime Counsellor (Koresh) and the signature and privy seal of the pre-eminent. There is also a judiciary, composed of twelve members. Article 3 of the constitution reads: 'There shall be no provision of the constitution of the Koreshan Unity that shall conflict with any law of the United States or with the constitutional law of any State in which the Unity may have occasion to operate.""

Educational Affairs.

Much attention is given to practical as well as theoretical education in almost all branches of learning. A primary school is maintained for younger children, in which music, vocal and instrumental, is a prominent study. Higher classes, attended by adults and youths, are held hourly each day, in which algebra, bookkeeping, languages, music, science, art and other branches are taught by competent persons. A practical surveyor demonstrates his art by taking boys into the fields and woods for actual practice; while carpentry, boat building, furniture making, pattern making, printing, mechanics and other useful industries are taught in shops to youths and adults as a part of the daily routine.

Many and Varied Industries.

Besides agriculture, this industrious community is engaged in growing citrus and other fruits. Almost every kind raised in Estero. Most of the crop is tics. consumed by the colonists. The building and equipment of electric launches, for use in surrounding waters, is a growing industry at Estero, where splendid facilities are at hand, includ-

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